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Dear brother Garrison

Your very kind & fraternal letter came timely, and was perused with eager interest as are all letters from your pen.

No I was not expecting an answer to my letter, before I should make my long desired call at your house on Sunday last. But the terrible Storm and blow of Friday & Saturday prevented the possibility of getting to the Depot (4 miles) to take the Cars for the city. The violence of the Storm & wind has not been equaled to my recollection for 20 years or more !

Well before many weeks I intend to pull the string of your door latch Prov

Providence permitting and accept your welcome which is always so hearty and cordial. And I am hoping another Summer to have the privilege of extending to you as hearty a welcome to my home as you possibly can bestow to my call on you.

Your sons told me last winter that they would try to get you started to visit Princeton last season. but it seems they were not successful.

I thank you for your kind salutations of the new year to Mrs Everett & myself. I beg you to accept from us the same with compound interest. I have read & reread your kind letter in presence of choice friends & have deposited it amongst the most valued papers I possess. from your self & other dear ~~Spirits~~ Spirits some of whom have passed over the river. It seems to me that no Reformation ever drew together its friends in more ardent friendship & undying affection, than the American Anti Slavery

Reformation. And in my judgment
no reform since the Christian Era
has had more, yea not as much to
do with the elevation of mankind the
wide world over, as the one, that has
knit our souls, and hearts, into perfect
unison. I have not yet seen your
masterly review of Freeman Clarks
Toady Sermon. Friend Snow & others
have informed me of its merits; but the
copy of the Journal containing it I have
not been able to obtain. Can you do me
the favor to send me a copy, or get one for me
if I may have the pleasure of visiting you.
In relation to the political situation
I feel intense interest. If Tilden is
President farewell to freedom in all the
Southern States, for twenty years to come; unless
perchance, the colored Republicans shall
cut their way by sword & bayonet to obtain
their rights not enjoyed now. May God forefend Tildens inauguration. I do not see
how the Vice President can do otherwise

then count 185 votes for Hayes.

But there is no rascality that the Democratic members of Congress will not practice to Inaugurate Tilden. The Financial corruption of Grant's last Administration has greatly contributed to this sad state of things. Otherwise there would have been an immense majority for Hayes. And yet there has not been a tythe of the corruption in Grants government that was practised in any of the last three Democratic administrations. But Democrats are blind to their own sins and Argus-eyed to Republican ~~faults~~ faults. If Hayes is inaugurated I think the Republicans of the South will be protected & their ~~influence~~ rights will increase in most of the States. and his Administration will be a good one. I think you told me that friend Wolcott visited you nearly every Sundays. How gladly would I shake the hands of Wolcott. Whipple & many other dear friends. who were in the conflict with us to the end, Mrs Everett joins me in kind regards to yourself & family. I am dear brother affectionately yours forever

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